

# Los Angeles County Commission on Local

Governmental Services

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### **Summary of Notes**

November 6, 2007 Meeting 500 West Temple Street Sybil Brand Conference Room 372 Los Angeles, CA 90012

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairperson Richard Rosenthal, with no quorum present.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal discussed the draft document that was e-mailed to each Commissioner. The document is a draft written report to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council. Chairperson Rosenthal requested edits and/or input from the Commissioners.

Chairperson Rosenthal welcomed and introduced Mr. George Britton as the new senior staff member to the Commission. Mr. Britton stated that he will be staffing the Commission effective November 26, 2007. Mr. Britton is currently working for the Executive Office in the Lobbyist Ordinance/LACERA Election Section.

Chairperson Rosenthal informed the Commission of a recently passed Board motion requiring Commissioners to attend a four hour training on Cultural Diversity and Sexual Harassment Prevention. The class will consist of two hours on Cultural Diversity and two hours on Sexual Harassment Prevention and will be held at the Hall of Administration. Staff will be scheduling training dates.

(Commissioner Reddock arrived, constituting a quorum)

### **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2007 MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Leiga, seconded by Commissioner Gray, the August 7, 2007, minutes was approved as presented.

### REVIEW DRAFT OF COMMISSION OVERVIEW MATERIALS - COMMISSIONER KELLEY

Commissioner Kelley distributed a fact sheet to the Commission that provides information regarding the function of the Commission on Local Governmental Services. The fact sheet can be used as a marketing tool. In addition, it can be used when soliciting Task Force members. Commissioner Kelley requested the Commissioner's to review, provide comments. and approve the fact sheet. The following changes were made: Vice-Chairperson Patricia Gray suggested changing the word "re-design" to "reorganization" and Chairperson Rosenthal suggested changing "911 services" to "911 cellular".

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## <u>PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONER(S) – CHAIRPERSON</u> ROSENTHAL

Chairperson Rosenthal welcomed and introduced Mr. Jonathan Fuhrman to the Commission. Mr. Fuhrman provided a brief background of his previous employment. Mr. Fuhrman is retired and served as a Campaign Treasurer in the 1980's and is currently active on the City of Pasadena School Board. He also serves as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Information Systems Commission. Mr. Fuhrman is familiar with the City of Pasadena's efforts in its general planning, particularly on the mobility element, and their goal of making the city more pedestrian and transportation friendly.

Mr. Fuhrman expressed his interest in filling the vacant position in the First District; he is currently serving on two other County Commissions.

### STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORT(S)

• Taxi Cab Project Report (Chairperson Rosenthal)

Chairperson Rosenthal reported that the final Task Force motion was passed with one amendment by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The amendment adds an additional Task Force member appointed by each Board office.

He also reported that the Executive Office is clarifying the interpretation of motion in regards to the staff support and will provide an update to the Commission. Chairperson Rosenthal reported that the Los Angeles County Human Resources intern program the Task Force was going to utilize is not available.

Chairperson Rosenthal stated that the Commissioners would be responsible for seeking out funding and interns and a staff person from each the City and the County will be needed to start working on the survey. In addition, the Commission will need to start identifying the potential members of the Task Force.

Chairperson Rosenthal shared information on an article about the labor issues with relation to the hotels in the Los Angeles International Airport area. This article mentioned the Los Angeles City Council's new Trade, Commerce, and Tourism Committee, which is being chaired by Janice Hahn, City of Los Angeles. Chair Rosenthal stated that Wendy Gruel recommended this new committee as a possible source for recruitment of Task Force members.

Chairperson Rosenthal stated that a sub-committee will be needed to help identify the possible appointees to the Task Force. This would entail going back to the appointed authorities and the City and asking them for their recommendations. The Commission will convene a Task Force comprised of Commission members as well as representatives from the County, the City of Los Angeles, The League of Cities (Los Angeles Chapter), and other governmental agencies with statutory responsibility for the transportation for higher industry, and others with subject matter expertise as appropriate. Commissioner Reddock volunteered to Chair the Task Force and will schedule a meeting. Jonathan Fuhrman, Commissioner

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Guerra, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Kelley, and Commissioner Parlow are interested in attending and will be invited to attend the meeting. Chairperson Rosenthal requested the Commission to identify members for the Task Force and compile a list of recommendations.

Commissioner Leiga recommended that an organization chart be drafted with empty boxes to show the structure on how the Commission is going to operate this project. Chairperson Rosenthal encouraged the Commission to stay focused and reinforce the understanding that the Commission continues to look at regional activities and find ways to improve services to the public.

Chairperson Rosenthal reminded the Commission that there is no budget for the Taxi Cab Project, but they have the authority to solicit contributions and grants. He also suggested submitting an inquiry to the Quality and Productivity Commission (QPC). The QPC provides grants for County projects.

### COUNTY CEO INQUIRY – COMMISSIONER LEIGA

Commissioner Laiga reported that staff has spoken to Joe Sandoval, Division Manager, Los Angles County Purchasing and Contract Services and distributed copies of a Cooperative Purchasing list. There are many cities that access or use the County's agreements. Mr. Sandoval informed staff that the same information was shared the CEO.

## MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard J. Rosenthal Patricia G. Gray Gordon Gray Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr. Tyler Kelley Algird Leiga Angela Reddock

### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

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STAFF Rhonda Rangel Nyla Jefferson George Britton

**GUEST(S)** Mr. Jonathan Fuhrman